



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH
APRIL 2009

WHEREAS, for more than 120 years, North Dakota's community banks have provided local support to help our communities prosper and grow; and

WHEREAS, that tradition of giving back to the community continues today with more than 90 locally owned and operated community banks through more than 150 banking offices located across the state; and

WHEREAS, community banks are a significant employer in the state with thousands of men and women in full and part-time positions; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's community banks have reinvested, on average, 95 percent of their loan portfolio in their own communities through commercial and residential mortgages, and agricultural and student loans; and

WHEREAS, community banks play a significant role in local economic development efforts, helping to stimulate the economy to produce jobs and new opportunities; and

WHEREAS, community banks have made significant contributions to the economic well-being of North Dakota's communities with their financial support, their dedication as good neighbors, and their financially sound and reliable services; and

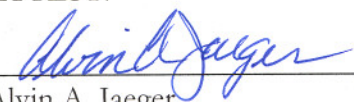
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize members of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota and community banks across the state for their contributions to the economic vitality of our communities and state, and for helping fulfill the financial needs of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2009, **COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State